

CRT Policy and Rules



Policy and Rules

- **English Language Arts CRT**
 - This CRT is a grade specific test. Students should take the test that corresponds to the grade in which they are enrolled. Example: 9th grade student takes the 9th grade CRT.



Policy and Rules

- **Math CRT**

- For elementary students, this CRT is grade specific. Students should take the test that corresponds to the grade in which they are enrolled. Example: 3rd grade student takes the 3rd grade math CRT.
- For secondary students, this CRT is course specific. Students should take the CRT at the completion of the course. Example: Students enrolled in pre-algebra should take the pre-algebra CRT.
- Note: All 10th graders must have an Algebra 1 test score.



Policy and Rules

- **Science CRT**

- For 4 – 6 grade students, this CRT is grade specific. Students should take the test that corresponds to the grade in which they are enrolled. Example: 5th grade student takes the 5th grade science CRT.
- For secondary students, this CRT is course specific. Students should take the CRT at the completion of the course. Example: Students enrolled in biology should take the biology CRT.



Policy and Rules

- **Science CRT (continued)**

- There are a variety of science courses that are based on the same core curriculum. Example: biology, human biology, AP biology and agricultural biology are all responsible to the same core curriculum. Therefore all students enrolled in these courses should take the biology CRT.



Policy and Rules

- **CRT Retakes**

- Students are not required to take the same CRT more than once. If a student takes two courses, two separate years (Chemistry, AP Chemistry) it is a local decision if the student is to retake the chemistry CRT.



Policy and Rules

- **CRT Retakes**

- For the purposes of U-PASS and NCLB, the first time a student takes a course for which there is an associated CRT, the student is required to take that associated CRT. The score/proficiency determination from CRTs will only be used from the first time the CRT was administered for a given course/grade. Students may take the same CRT (course/grade) again and that test would be scored by USOE, however, this score would be excluded from all U-PASS and NCLB calculations.



Policy and Rules

- **CRT Retakes**

- This policy applies to all grades/courses assessed by CRTs.
- Exception: The highest Algebra 1 test score will be used for AYP calculation (retaking and banking allowed.)



Home and Private School Board Rule R277-604

- Private School Students MAY participate in CRT administration
 - Payment in advance for assessment costs to USOE
 - Payment in advance for administration costs (LEA)
 - Participation under the supervision of LEA



Home and Private School Board Rule R277-604

- Home School Students SHALL be allowed to participate in CRT administration
 - Must be enrolled in at least one course in public school
 - Costs the same as public students (no cost to the student)
 - Participation under the supervision of LEA
- **Note: Home school students take CRTs at the district they reside in (not at a charter school)**



Home and Private School Board Rule R277-604

- Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) students
 - No cost to the student
 - Participation under the supervision of LEA



Home and Private School Board Rule R277-604

- State Costs for each test
 - ELA CRT \$6.00
 - Math CRT \$4.00
 - Science CRT \$4.50
 - DWA \$15.00



Number of Sessions Per Test

- Science
 - Elementary – **2** Sessions
 - Secondary – **2** Sessions
- Math
 - Elementary – **2** Sessions
 - Secondary – **2** Sessions
- ELA
 - Elementary – **2** Sessions
 - Secondary – **3** Sessions

Tests 100% CBT

- All Elementary Math
 - Grades 3, 4, 5, 6
- All Secondary Language Arts
 - Grades 7, 8, 9, 10, 11
- Grade 6 Language Arts
- Biology



Test Administration Manuals (TAMs)

- All TAMs are as consistent as possible in format and directions, given the individual variances of the three content areas
- TAMs are written for test administrators/proctors
- Please remind test administrators/proctors of the importance of reading and following the TAMs
- Most questions related to test administration can be answered using TAMs



Test Administration Manuals (TAMs)

- CBT administration requires **two** TAMs
 1. TAM Policies and Procedures
 - This is a general information document for ALL CBT Administrations
 2. Single CBT TAM per content area
- PBT requires a single document per content area
 - Contains both general policies and procedures and content specific info.



Test Administration Manuals (TAMs)

- Content area TAMS available
 - ELA 3, Elementary ELA 4-6, Secondary ELA, Elementary Math, Secondary Math, Elementary Science, Secondary Science
- TAMs are available ONLY as posted online
- USOE will provide guidance regarding different sections of the TAMs and printing



Science CRT Specifics

- Information below is appropriate for all (elementary and secondary) Science CRTs
- Use of five-function calculator
 - Allowed on all science CRTs
 - Provided via CBT
- Chemistry and Physics have reference sheets
 - will be available onscreen for CBT and inside the testing booklets
 - are available currently at the Science CRT webpage



Science CRT Specifics

- Science 7, Science 8, Biology
 - 1 Technology-enhanced item (TEI) will appear for each student
 - These items are **now operational items (they count towards a student's score)**
- Should an LEA have concerns about a school's bandwidth, or ability to support TEIs, contact Julie Quinn to discuss options



Math CRT Specifics

- Administer the Correct Test
 - Math 3, 4, 5 is grade specific
 - Math 6 –
 - Existing Core
 - or
 - Common Core

Math CRT Specifics

- **Administer the Correct Test (continued)**
 - Math in grades 7-12 – course specific
 - Administer the CRT for the course the student is enrolled in
 - This includes Math 8 Common Core which has a CRT
 - Other Common Core courses do not have an associated CRT
 - All students must have an Algebra 1 by end of 10th grade (AYP requirement)



Math CRT Specifics

- Reference Sheets
 - Available onscreen for CBT and will be inside the testing booklets for PBT.
 - are available currently at the Math CRT webpage
 - Which tests?
 - Elementary grades 4, 5, 6
 - All secondary courses
 - Not in Math 3

Math CRT Specifics

- Calculator Usage: Which tests?
 - Elementary (3-6):
 - Allowed on Section 2 ONLY
 - Secondary:
 - Allowed on ALL Secondary Math CRTs on ALL sections

Math CRT Specifics

- Calculator Usage: What calculator?
- Elementary (3-6):
 - Students should bring or have made available to them a calculator for section 2 of the test. They may use the calculator that they have used during instruction.
 - A five function calculator is available onscreen for allowed sections for CBT
 - For grades 5 and 6, students may have a scientific calculator available for use
 - CBT does NOT provide an onscreen scientific calculator



Math CRT Specifics

- Calculator Usage: What calculator?
- Secondary
 - A five function calculator is available onscreen for allowed sections for CBT
 - No trig. Functions
 - Students may use ANY calculator similar to the one used during course instruction.
 - They may use their own or one provided by the testing proctor
 - There are NO memory clearing requirements.



ELA CRT Specifics

Elementary and Secondary ELA

- No extra materials are necessary
- Only ELA 3 requires administrator read scripting beyond the general directions

CRT Administration for ELLs

- ELL students enrolled before April 15 of current school year and who are new to the United States (first year of enrollment in any U.S. school)
- and-
- ELL students enrolled on or after April 15 of previous school year **must** take the Science and Math CRTs (not counted in any AYP calculation)

- Non-Regulatory Guidance, May 2007



CRT Reminders

- Remember the CRTs are untimed tests.
 - Most students can complete a test section in the normal class period
 - Allow each student to complete each section
 - Make up any incomplete sections (computer or paper based)

CRT Reminders

- Do not allow a student to work in other sections if they are making up an incomplete session
- Don't test multiple subjects at the same time unless in a make-up session



Development Opportunities

- CRT Development Opportunities are ongoing
 - The USOE NEEDS educators to participate to continue to make high quality assessments
 - It is great Professional Development (free to the LEA) for educators
- Opportunities include:
 - Item writing, item review, bias/sensitivity reviews, statistical reviews

